

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 24, 2009 MINUTES

On Tuesday, March 24, 2009, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:50 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Chairman, and Jim Hart, Vice-Chair, present. Commissioner Marilyn Ross was absent to attend a Montana Heritage Commission meeting in Helena, Montana. Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Steve DiGiovanna, Charity Fechter, Barbie Durham, Debbie Rogers, Tom Shaffer, Vicki Tilstra, Karen Brown, Nick Novich, and Dana Escott.

Public Discussion: Steve DiGiovanna, Communications Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss a Communications Use Lease between Madison County and the Bureau of Land Management. This topic will be added to the next Commissioners' Meeting agenda for the Board's consideration.

Jim Hart moved to approve the March 17, 2009, minutes with corrections. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Set Date for Public Hearing for Road Name in Alder Creek Meadows: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, met with the Board to discuss a public hearing date on a request to assign the name of Alder Creek Way to the previously unnamed road serving the Alder Creek Meadows parcels located in S1/2S1/2, Section 11, N1/2N1/2, Section 13 and N1/2N1/2 Section 14, T6S, R4W, P.M. Jim Hart moved to conduct the Public Hearing on April 14, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse, Virginia City, Montana. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Local Government Building Code Program for Madison County: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, met with the Board to discuss a report that she prepared regarding a Local Government Building Code Program for Madison County. Charity reviewed the report and compared plans from other Counties including fee schedules. Charity will give a copy of the report to Chris Christensen, County Attorney, Ralph Hamler, Sanitarian, the Board of Realtors, and area contractors for their opinion of the plan.

Interlocal Planning Agreement with Ennis: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, stated that she had recently received a resolution from the Town of Ennis creating an agreement with the Madison County Planning Department for planning services. Charity recommended approval of the resolution. The resolution will be on the next agenda for the Board's consideration.

Grants: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, and Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss pursuing a CDBG Planning Grant for mapping purposes and creating a Public Housing Authority. This topic will be on the next agenda for the Board's consideration.

Bathroom Repairs at the Museum: Debbie Rogers, Vigilance Club, met with the Board to discuss bathroom repairs at the Thompson-Hickman Museum. Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, Tom Shaffer, Maintenance, and Vicki Tilstra, Chief Financial Officer, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Tom reported that he inspected the bathroom and discussed repairs that could be done to make the bathroom functional, with Tom doing a majority of the work to keep costs minimal. Because of a brick wall there is no way to widen the door, therefore the bathroom will not be handicap accessible. Tom also discussed electrical issues and hot water for the bathroom.

Lee Property Renovation Bids: The Board received five bids for the renovation project at the Lee house. Jim Hart opened and read each bid. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to offer the award to the low bidder, Wigen Construction, for the amount of \$15,654, pending confirmation of insurance and availability to complete the project by May 15, 2009. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

City Service Valcon Contract: Jim Hart moved to approve the Fuel Supply Contract between City Service Valcon and Ennis Big Sky Airport for purchase of 60,000 gallons of combined aviation fuel (Jet fuel plus Avgas 100 LL) over a three year period. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Grandstands at Twin Bridges Fairgrounds: Nick Novich, Fair Board Member, Dana Escott, Fair Manager, Vicki Tilstra, Chief Financial Officer, and Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss issues with the Grandstands at the Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Because the Grandstands have been condemned and seating is needed for summer activities at the Fairgrounds, the Fair Board authorized the purchase of portable bleachers. Also discussed were budget issues; completion date for the Rivers Edge Campground improvements project; and grant possibilities and fund raising options to repair or rebuild the Grandstands.

Alder Rural Fire District Board Appointment: Jim Hart moved to reappoint Dale Smail to the Alder Rural Fire District Board for a three year term that will expire in 2012. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Personnel Policy Manual Review: The Board set the dates of April 8, 2009, and April 13, 2009, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. each day to review the Madison County Personnel Policy Manual.

Parking Lot Lease with Kneeland: The Board discussed leasing ground from the Kneeland family to be used as a parking lot for the Lee property. The Kneelands have indicated willingness to negotiate a lease but were unable to attend the meeting due to a funeral. The Board will develop a lease for the Kneelands' consideration.

Department of Revenue Office Space: The Board will send a letter to the Department of Revenue advising them of the County's plans to vacate the upper level of the Pankey House and requesting a new lease between the Department of Revenue and Madison County if they choose to remain in the Courthouse.

Letter of Support for Senate Bill 407: Jim Hart moved to approve sending a letter expressing support for Senate Bill 407 regarding irrigation districts. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on April 7, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: April 7, 2009

Minutes prepared by:

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